

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1273–S1715

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3888–3903, S. Res. 555, and S. Con. Res. 34. **Pages S1288–89**

Measures Passed:

Older Americans Act Nutrition Program: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 550, recognizing the value of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program in addressing hunger, malnutrition, food insecurity, and social or geographic isolation and improving the health and quality of life for millions of older individuals in the United States each year, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1715**

Recognizing American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Women: Senate agreed to S. Res. 555, recognizing the heritage, culture, and contributions of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women in the United States. **Page S1715**

Measures Considered:

America Competes Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4521, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology. **Pages S1273–80**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, March 23, 2022; and that Senate vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m. **Page S1715**

Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), appointed the following Senator to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: Senator Baldwin (Appropriations). **Page S1715**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 98), Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Pages S1280–81**

By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 99), Victoria Marie Calvert, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S1288**

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Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1292–S1714**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S1714–15**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—99) **Page S1281, S1288**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1715.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RURAL QUALITY OF LIFE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine rural quality of life, focusing on opportunities and challenges for the rural care economy, after receiving testimony from Xochitl Torres Small, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development; Carrie Henning-Smith, University of Minnesota School of Public Health, Minneapolis; Shoshannah Inwood, The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, Wooster; Joseph Carrica, Southeast Health Group, La Junta, Colorado; and

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William A. LaPlante, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, and Erik Kristopher Raven, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, who was introduced by Senator Tester, both of the Department of Defense, Musetta Tia Johnson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and Marvin L. Adams, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

RESILIENT ECONOMY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine building a resilient economy, focusing on shoring up supply, including S. 3596, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to disregard State expenditures on health services initiatives to increase access to behavioral health services for children in schools for purposes of the reimbursement limitation on expenditures under the Children's Health Insurance Program that are not related to Medicaid or health insurance assistance, S. 1422, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for employer-provided worker training, and S. 3842, to amend title VI of the Social Security Act to permit State and local coronavirus fiscal recovery funds to be used to address increased costs of essential items, after receiving testimony from William E. Spriggs, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.; Betsey Stevenson, University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Ann Arbor; Erica R.H. Fuchs, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Veronique de Rugy, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Fairfax, Virginia; and Phil Levy, Flexport, Atlanta, Georgia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1541, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to ensure just and reasonable charges for telephone and advanced communications services in correctional and detention facilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3014, to establish the Next Generation Telecommunications Council, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3262, to improve the efficient movement of freight at ports in the United States, with an amendment;

S. 3296, to require the TSA to develop a plan to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major airports can be better understood by more people accessing such airports, with an amendment;

S. 3405, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue a rule providing that certain low power television stations may be accorded primary status as Class A television licensees, with an amendment;

S. 3434, to commission a study relating to the manufacturing programs of the Department of Commerce, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3580, to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to prohibited acts by ocean common carriers or marine terminal operators, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3662, to temporarily increase the cost share authority for aqueous film forming foam input-based testing equipment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3664, to assist in the conservation of the North Atlantic right whale by supporting and providing financial resources for North Atlantic right whale conservation programs and projects of persons with expertise required for the conservation of North Atlantic right whales, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3785, to amend title 49, United States Code, to eliminate the restriction on veterans concurrently serving in the Offices of Administrator and Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration;

S. 3817, to improve the forecasting and understanding of tornadoes and other hazardous weather, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

IRAN NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on the Iran nuclear negotiations from Brett McGurk, Deputy Assistant to the President and Middle East and North Africa Coordinator, National Security Council; Rob Malley, Special Envoy for Iran, Department of State; and an official briefer from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine child care and preschool, focusing on cutting costs for working families, after receiving testimony from Rhian Evans Allvin, National Association for the Education of Young Children, Washington, D.C.; Julie Kashen, Women's Economic Justice, New York, New York; Maria-Isabel Ballivian, ACCA Child Development Center, Annandale, Virginia; and Ellen Reynolds, Georgia Child Care Association, Sandy Springs, Georgia.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued hearings to examine the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

Hearings recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nominations of Christy Goldsmith Romero, of Virginia, Kristin N. Johnson, of Michigan, Summer Kristine Mersinger, of South Dakota, and Caroline D. Pham, of New York, each to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine strategic competition and security cooperation in the Western Hemisphere, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine developing next generation technology for innovation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine promoting American energy security by

facilitating investments and innovation in climate solutions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 3666, to require reports on the adoption of a cryptocurrency as legal tender in El Salvador, S. 816, to amend the Diplomatic Security Act of 1986 to provide for improved serious security incident investigations, S. 3199, to promote peace and democracy in Ethiopia, S. 3491, to establish a commission to reform and modernize the Department of State, S. 3492, to address the importance of foreign affairs training in national security, S. 3591, to strengthen the bilateral partnership between the United States and Ecuador in support of democratic institutions and rule of law, sustainable and inclusive economic growth, and conservation, S.J. Res. 17, requiring the advice and consent of the Senate or an Act of Congress to suspend, terminate, or withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty and authorizing related litigation, S. Res. 427, to commemorate the 30-year anniversary of the 1991 Paris Peace Agreements with Cambodia and to call upon all signatories to those Agreements to fulfill their commitments to secure a peaceful, prosperous, democratic, and sovereign Cambodia, S. Res. 446, commending the Government of Lithuania for its resolve in increasing ties with Taiwan and supporting its firm stance against coercion by the Chinese Communist Party, S. Res. 456, expressing support for a free, fair, and peaceful December 4, 2021, election in The Gambia, S. Res. 473, expressing the sense of the Senate on the necessity of maintaining the United Nations arms embargo on South Sudan until conditions for peace, stability, democracy, and development exist, S. Res. 503, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately guarantee the safety and freedom of tennis star Peng Shuai, S. Res. 547, recognizing the 201st anniversary of Greek Independence and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United

States, S. Con. Res. 20, condemning the October 25, 2021, military coup in Sudan and standing with the people of Sudan, Treaty Doc. 112–8, the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed in Washington on February 4, 2010, with a Protocol signed the same day, as corrected by exchanges of notes effected February 25, 2011, and February 10 and 21, 2012, and a related agreement effected by exchange of notes (the “related Agreement”) on February 4, 2010, the nominations of Deborah E. Lipstadt, of Georgia, to be Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, with the rank of Ambassador, Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Near Eastern Affairs), and Douglas T. Hickey, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, all of the Department of State, and Maria Fabiana Jorge, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director, and Leopoldo Martinez Nucete, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director, both of the Inter-American Development Bank, 10 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine strengthening Federal mental health and substance use disorder programs, focusing on opportunities, challenges, and emerging issues, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 1397, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the collection and availability of health data with respect to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, S. 3168, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe

Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to modify the enforceability date for certain provisions, S. 3308, to authorize the Colorado River Indian Tribes to enter into lease or exchange agreements and storage agreements relating to water of the Colorado River allocated to the Colorado River Indian Tribes, S. 3443, to extend Federal recognition to the MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians, S. 3773, to authorize the leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, and S. 3789, to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine improving the VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers, 3 p.m., SR–418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the importance of home-based services, focusing on an economy that cares, 10 a.m., VTC.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine Russian imperialism in Ukraine and beyond, 2:30 p.m., SD–562/VTC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Thursday, March 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4521, America COMPETES Act, post-cloture, and vote on the motion to proceed thereon at 10:30 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.



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